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1. Scope

This Japanese Industrial Standard specifies the testing methods for the polyvinyl chloride.

2. Definition

The polyvinyl chloride signifies polymers composed of the polyvinyl chloride as the main component.

3. Testing Methods

3.1 Specific Viscosity

- 3.1.1 Apparatus and Instruments The apparatus and instruments shall be as given in the following:
 - (1) Viscosimeter (1) Ubbelohde viscosimeter given in Fig. 1
 - (2) Chemical Balance Sensitivity 1 mg Weighing capacity 100 to 200 g, reciprocal
 - (3) <u>Desiccator</u> The desiccator of JIS R 3503 using silica gel or calcium chloride as the desiccating agent
 - (4) Weighing Bottle The 50 mm flat-formed weighing bottle of JIS R 3503
 - (5) Measuring flask The 50 ml measuring flask of JIS R 3503
 - (6) Stopwatch A stopwatch graduated in 0.2 sec.
 - (7) Thermostatic water tank
 - Note (1) The Ubbelohde viscosimeter shall, as a rule, be used, however, a viscosimeter of any other type mey be used, provided that the omission of correction on the kinetic energy is allowed as the capillary-tube dimensions and the volume of test solution are equal thereto.

Applicable Standards:

JIS K 8723-p-Nytrobenzene

JIS R 3503-Glass Apparatus for Chemical Analysis

JIS Z 8401-Rules for Rounding off of Numerical Values

- 3.1.2 Reagents The reagents shall be as given in the following:
 - (1) Nytrobenzene (2) Guaranteed Grade of JIS K 8723

Note (2) That of Extra Pure Grade, after it has been purified by drying with silica gel or calcium chloride and by vacuum distillation, may be used.

3.1.3 <u>Procedure</u> Weigh out 200 ± 1 mg of the sample which has been dried at ordinary temperature by the chemical balance, transfer into a measuring flask, and heat to about $100\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ adding about 40 ml of the nitrobenzene. Cool when the sample has dissolved completely in appearance, further add nitrobenzene to make the total quantity 50 ml at $30 \pm 0.05\,^{\circ}\text{C}$, and consider this as test solution.

Next, pour the test solution into bulb A of the viscosimeter so that its liquid surface comes between the two marked lines. Support the viscosimeter vertically in the themostatic water tank held at 30 ± 0.05°C, and immerse it in the tank so that the bulb C comes below the liquid surface. When the temperature of the test solution has reached the measuring temperature, close the tube 3 with a finger tip or stop the rubber tube attached to the tube with a pinch cock or the like to close up the tube completely. Next, suck up through the rubber tube being attached to the tube 2, and after the test solution has been sucked up above the upper marked line of the bulb B, release the openings of the tubes 2 and 3. Measure flow-down time in seconds when the liquid surface of the test solution passes through from the upper marked line of the bulb B down to its lower marked line.

Measure the flow-down time in seconds of the nitrobenzene in the same manner as above, and obtain the specific viscosity to three places of decimals from the following equation. Carry out three times of measurements, and take the mean value thereof.

$$\eta_{ip} = \frac{t_0}{t_1} - 1$$

where

nop: specific viscosity

t: flow-down time in seconds of the nitrobenzene (8)

t₂: flow-down time in seconds of the test solution (s)

Remark:

Calculation of Mean Polymerization Degree In calculating the mean polymerization degree, obtain the limiting viscosity from the equation (1), and calculate the mean polymerization degree from the equation (2):

$$[\eta] = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{C} \cdot \sqrt{\eta_{\text{sp}} - \log_{\alpha} \eta_{\text{rel}}}$$
 (1)

where

[7]: limiting viscosity

 v_{rel} : relative viscosity $\left(\frac{f_2}{f_1}\right)$

73p: specific viscosity

C: concentration (g/l)

$$P = 500 \left\{ \text{antilog}_{10} : \frac{[7]}{0.168} - 1 \right\}$$
(2)

where

F: mean polymerization degree

Reference

The relationship between the specific viseosity and the mean polymerization degree is as given in Reference Table. An outline of the relationship between the specific viscosity and the Fikentscher's K value which is currently used in Europe and others for indicating method of mean polymerization degree is as given in Reference Figure. Calculating method of K value shall be as given in the following:

$$\log Z = \left(\frac{75 \, k^2}{1 + 1.5 \, kC} + k\right) \cdot C$$

 $K = k \cdot 10^{\circ}$

where Z: relative viscosity $\left(\frac{\text{falling down time in second (s) of test solution}}{\text{falling down time in second (s) of cyclohexanone}}\right)$

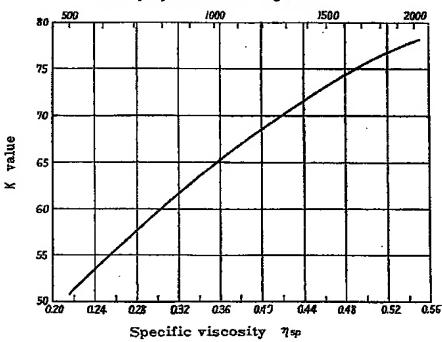
C: concentration (0.5 g/100 ml cyclohexanone)

Provided that Viscosimeter : Ubbelohde type

Measuring temperature : 25 ± 0.05°C

Reference Figure Relationship Between Specific Viscosity (74) and Mean Polymerization Degree (P) of PVC Resin and K Value

Mean polymerization degree P



Note: K value is measured in accordance with DIN 53726.

0.280

710

0.420

Reference Table Relationship Between Specific Viscosity and Mean Polymerization Degree

Concentration of solution 4g/l P P 7/4 p 73P Veр 74 p 0.290 740 2160 0.150 320 0.430 1340 0.570 780 2230 0.160 0.300 1390 0,580 340 0,440 0.170 0.310 0. 450 0. 590 2290 370 820 1440 0, 180 390 0.320850 0.460 1500 0.600 2370 0, 190 0.330 0.470 1560 420 890 0.610 2440 1600 0.200 0.340 940 0.480 0. 620 2520 450 0.210 480 0, 350 980 0.490 1660 0. 630 2590 0.220 0, 360 0.500 510 1020 1720 0.640 2670 0.230 540 0.370 1060 0.510 1770 0.650 2750 0, 240 570 0.380 1100 0.520 1840 0.660 2830 1150 1900 0. 250 0.3900. 530 610 0.670 2920 1200 0.260640 0, 400 0.540 1960 0, 680 3000 0.270 670 0.410 1250 2020 0, 550 3080 0.690

Remark: Values of the polymerization degree are reckoned as one fraction of more than 0.5 inclusive at the end place.

0.560

2090

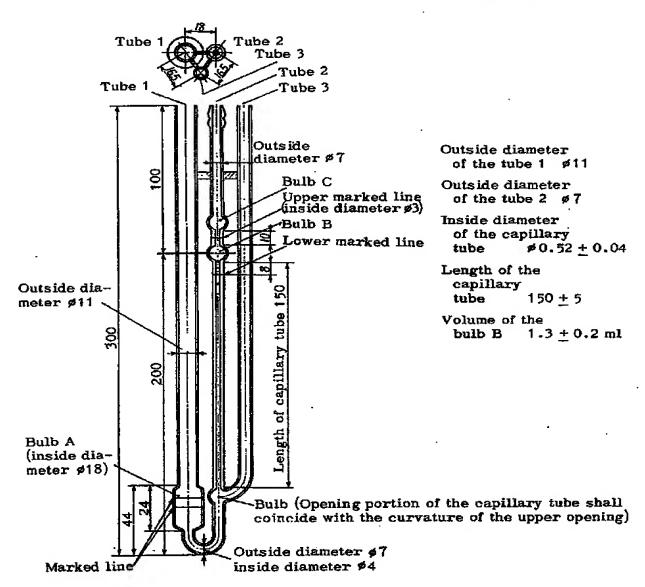
0, 760

3170

1290

Fig. 1 Ubbelohde Type Viscosimeter

unit: mm



Remark: Figure of the upper and lower parts indicates the sketch of a plan and elevation of the Ubbelohde type viscosimeter respectively. Furthermore, no correct dimension of the tube 3 is not required.

3.2 Volatile Matter

- 3.2.1 Apparatus and Instruments The apparatus and instruments shall be as given in the following:
 - (1) Weighing Bottle A 50 mm flat-formed weighing bottle, specified in JIS R 3503
 - (2) Chemical Balance Weighing capacity 100 to 200 g, reciprocal sensitivity 1 mg
 - (3) <u>Desiccator</u> A desiccator specified in JIS R 3503 using silica gel or calcium chloride as desiccating agent
 - (4) <u>Drier</u>
- 3.2.2 <u>Procedure</u> Weigh out about 1 g of the sample correctly to the nearest 0.1 mg with the chemical balance, spread uniformly, and after this has been heated for 1 h at 105 ± 2°C, cool to ordinary temperature in the desiccator, and weigh the mass. Obtain the volatile matter down to two places of decimals from the following equation. Carry out three times of measurements, and take the mean value.

$$V = \frac{B - C}{B - A} \times 100$$

where V: volatile matter (%)

A: mass of the weighing bottle (g)

B: mass of the weighing bottle containing the sample (g)

C: mass of the weighing bottle containing the sample after heating and cooling (g)

3.3 Bulk Specific Gravity

- 3.3.1 Apparatus and Instruments The apparatus and instruments shall be as given in the following:
 - (1) Measuring Apparatus for Bulk Specific Gravity The measuring apparatus for bulk specific gravity given in Fig. 2
- 3.3.2 Procedure After approximately 120 ml of well mixed sample has been contained in the funnel into which the damper of the measuring apparatus for bulk specific gravity is inserted, pull out the damper rapidly and drop the sample into the receiver. After the heaped up sample has been scrapped off with a glass rod, weigh the mass of the receiver containing the sample correctly to 0.1 g, and obtain the bulk specific gravity to two places of decimals from the following equation. Take the mean value by carrying out three times of measurements.

$$S_{\bullet} = \frac{C - A}{B}$$

where

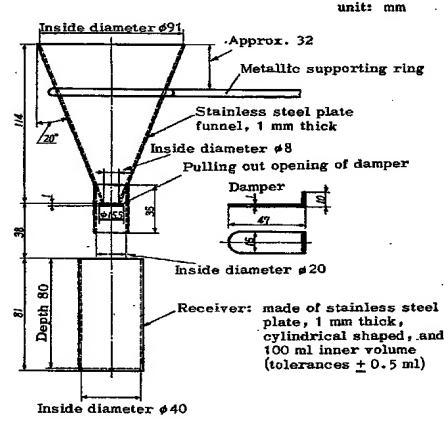
Sa: bulk specific gravity

A: mass of the receiver (g)

B: inner volume of the receiver (ml)

C: mass of the receiver containing the sample (g)

Fig. 2 Measuring Instrument of Bulk Specific Gravity



4. Rounding off of Numerical Values for Test Results

The numerical values of the test results shall be obtained to one place bellow the specified values, and be rounded off in accordance with JIS Z 8401.

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